

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Emily Devaney	Team: Squad #5	CCRB Case #: 201900174	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Saturday, 01/05/2019 9:30 PM	Location of Incident: [REDACTED]	Precinct: 75	18 Mo. SOL 7/5/2020	EO SOL 2/19/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Sun, 01/06/2019 6:54 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: On-line website	Date/Time Received at CCRB Sun, 01/06/2019 6:54 PM		
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command		
1. POM Bryan Scheblein	26121	955457	075 PCT		
2. POM Renaldo Weekes	21007	959362	075 PCT		
Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation			
A.POM Renaldo Weekes	Abuse: Police Officer Renaldo Weekes stopped the vehicle in which § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED] was an occupant.	[REDACTED]			
B.POM Bryan Scheblein	Abuse: Police Officer Bryan Scheblein stopped the vehicle in which § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED] was an occupant.	[REDACTED]			

Case Summary

On January 6, 2019, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB online. He also filed the complaint by leaving a message on the CCRB's Call Processing System.

On January 5, 2019, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Police Officer Renaldo Weekes and Police Officer Bryan Scheblein of the 75th Precinct pulled over § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle at the intersection of § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn (**Allegations A-B: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g)). The officers did not issue any summonses to § 87(2)(b).

The investigation obtained body-worn camera videos of this incident (BR04, BR05). The investigation also obtained footage from a TARU pole camera, but it did not capture the incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Renaldo Weekes stopped the vehicle in which § 87(2)(b) was an occupant.

Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Bryan Scheblein stopped the vehicle in which § 87(2)(b) was an occupant.

It is undisputed that the officers stopped § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle, and that they did not issue him any summonses or take any other enforcement action.

In his in-person interview, § 87(2)(b) recounted that he was driving on Autumn Avenue toward Belmont Avenue when he reached an unmarked vehicle stopped at the stop sign at the intersection (BR01). After waiting for the vehicle to move for a few minutes, § 87(2)(b) drove closer to the vehicle. The vehicle pulled to the right and allowed § 87(2)(b) to pass it on its left. § 87(2)(b) stopped at the stop sign at Belmont Avenue before continuing north toward Pitkin Avenue. He turned left onto Pitkin Avenue, stopped at a red light at the intersection with Hemlock Street, and saw the unmarked vehicle pull up beside him. PO Weekes looked at § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) felt that the officer wanted to start a confrontation. When the light turned green, § 87(2)(b) continued driving toward Crescent Street, and the officers pulled him over. During the stop, PO Weekes told § 87(2)(b) that he had run a stop sign.

§ 87(2)(b) denied in his CCRB interview that he ran any stop signs or committed any other moving violations.

PO Scheblein noted in his memo book that he observed § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle move at a high speed and run a stop sign (BR12). In his interview, he recounted that § 87(2)(b) was driving approximately 35-45 mph before he stopped behind the officers' vehicle at the stop sign at Belmont Avenue (BR03). § 87(2)(b) immediately began honking his horn, so the officers pulled out of his way. § 87(2)(b) came to a stop beyond the stop line, and then continued north at a high rate of speed. The officers pulled beside § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle at the red light on Pitkin Avenue, rolled down their window, and held up their shields from around their necks to get his attention. The officers wanted to tell § 87(2)(b) to slow down, and to ask him if he was all right. § 87(2)(b) looked at them, laughed, and then sped off. The officers then stopped § 87(2)(b) to warn him that he was driving dangerously.

PO Weekes similarly recounted that § 87(2)(b) appeared to be speeding as he approached the rear of the officers' vehicle at the stop sign, and that he immediately began honking at them (BR02). He added that § 87(2)(b) stopped less than a car length behind the officers' vehicle. PO Weekes also recounted seeing § 87(2)(b) turn left onto Pitkin Avenue without signaling. PO Weekes specified that he did not intend to stop § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle when he pulled alongside him at the red light, and that he merely wanted to ask § 87(2)(b) if there was some emergency that caused him to drive in such a manner. PO Weekes decided to stop § 87(2)(b) after § 87(2)(b) failed to respond to him and sped off when the light turned green. PO Weekes felt this was an atypical response for a driver to make after being spoken to by an officer. During the stop, PO Weekes told § 87(2)(b) that he had been stopped for driving recklessly, running a stop sign, and tailgating. § 87(2)(b) did not respond to these allegations.

PO Weekes stated that he used his discretion to not issue § 87(2)(b) a summons because, as an Anticrime officer, he is discouraged from writing routine traffic summonses. PO Scheblein stated that he decided not to issue a summons because he did not have any summonses with him at the time.

The body-worn camera videos begin with PO Weekes and PO Scheblein stopping § 87(2)(b) (BR04, BR05). The video does not capture the period of time in which § 87(2)(b) allegedly committed moving violations. The footage is consistent with PO Weekes' account that he told § 87(2)(b) during the stop that he was driving recklessly and tailgating, and that he failed to stop at a stop sign. It also shows that he initially tried to ask § 87(2)(b) if there was an emergency or some other reason for the manner in which he was driving. The footage shows that § 87(2)(b) denied that he was speeding and insisted that he came to a complete stop at the stop sign. At one point, PO Scheblein told § 87(2)(b) "We're not even saying you did anything wrong at the stop sign. When you went around us, that's when you started driving a little erratically."

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
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[REDACTED].

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]
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 - § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]
- PO Weekes has been a member of service for three years and has been a subject in four other CCRB complaints and six allegations, none of which were substantiated (BR09).
- PO Scheblein has been a member of service for five years and has been a subject in 11 other CCRB complaints and 20 allegations, of which two were substantiated (BR09):
 - 201610413 involved substantiated allegations of frisks against PO Scheblein. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD imposed Formalized Training.

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED] declined to mediate this complaint.
- As of May 6, 2019, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regard to this complaint (BR10).

- § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED]
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